Price of Levy Sugar

2107. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's policy of allowing additional price of rupees 26 per bag on levy sugar produced by the sugar factories with crushing capacity of less than 1250 T.C.D. is likely to applicable also to the sugar factories with crushing capacity of less than 25000 T.C.D.;

(b) whether Government of Maharashtra has made any representation in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Girls Hostel for SC/ST Students

2108. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of hostels in the country for girl students belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) what is the number of girls occupying these hostels; and

(c) whether Government are planning to assist in the construction of hostels for girls belonging to all communities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as and when received.

(c) No, Sir.

Pure Drinking Water for Residents in Delhi/New Delhi

2109. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by M.C.D. in Old Delhi and N.D.M.C. in Delhi areas and by the D.D.A. in various colonies of Delhi for the supply of pure drinking water; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for directing these bodies to supply pure water to residents of their respective areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As per Statement enclosed (*See below*).

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

Statement

Quality of water is checked and monitored right from raw water stage to the tail end at the consumer's tap. Samples of water are taken every hour from treatment plants at different stages of treatment for checking various para-meters of water. Samples of water are collected from the distribution system from various parts of the city in rotation for bacteriological examination as well as residual chlorine. In addition, the Municipal Health Officer carries out independent checking of quality of water of distribution system. The zonal Centre of the National Environment Research Institute located at Delhi also carries out random checking of quality of